



Horace W. Tyler Lodge #290
Free and Accepted Masons of Washington
2530 Grandview Drive West
University Place, Washington, 98466

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“A trestle board is a design board for the Master Workman (Architect) to draw his plans and designs upon to give the workmen an outline of the work to be performed. As Freemasons, we use the Trestleboard to inform and enlighten our lodge brethren.”

FROM THE EAST: After being dark for two months we have a very busy schedule for the rest of the year. Our annual garage sale is scheduled for September 27th .If you can help with the sales or set-up let Bud or Lynne Truitt know (cell#253-312-1149). The Past Master dinner will be held October 25th at 6:00 PM. We encourage all masons, especially our entered apprentices and our fellow craft to attend as well as spouses and family members. The Eastern Star ladies will be preparing the meal so we can expect a good meal!!! We will also have a scholarship presentation for Shanelle, a Gig Harbor High School graduate who is starting classes at PLU.

A "special thanks" to all the brothers who dug up the flower bed to fix the water leak that seeped water into the back room. It was a big undertaking and a much larger task than was anticipated. So thanks, Charles C., Gary G., Victor P., Doug B., and everyone who came and helped with shovels.

Charles Covington organized a group of brothers and had a display table at the University Place Street Fair to answer questions about the Masonic craft and handed out information. Thanks to the brothers who helped man the table.

Tyler Lodge has "Open House" once a month. Charles Covington has been our most dependable brother for this monthly event "show and tell".

The Tyler picnic was fun with a delicious assortment of dishes and Dick Taylor did an excellent job at the barbeque. Thanks Dick!!!

Next month will be "Step -up Night" and November will be elections for the brothers moving into their new positions. Please come and show them your support.

Next month, October, The Grand Lodge has asked to use Tyler Lodge for the opening and closing of lodge before the "Laying of the Cornerstone" at their new location in University Place. This is a historic event and all masons are encouraged to attend.

W.B. Rufus Allen, Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST: Welcome back my brothers. Another year has begun for the lodge and it's time to celebrate our reunion. I hope all had a very fun and fruitful summer. The lodge is in great shape. We did some major prevention work on the front of the building in the upper flower bed. The watering system was eroding the mortar in the foundation so under the direction of brother Charles Covington and with the help of a few of the brothers, the dirt was removed by hand. The wall was sealed and the hole refilled. Hard work and took about a week to accomplish. We are letting the dirt settle before we add a decorative top dressing. It looks like we are going to be busy with degree work (yea!) as well as the Past Masters dinner, the Garage sale as well as step up night and elections etc. We are a healthy lodge and enjoy the best membership around. We still need more members to help continue the Horace W. Tyler traditions of good fellowship and learning. Good men better! WM Rufus has some great plans for the lodge and will be looking to you for ideas and support. Bring a brother to lodge for good fellowship and business. We look forward to seeing you on the second Tuesday of every month.

W.B. Steve Turner, Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH: Welcome back! Hope everyone had a good summer. A lot of work done at the lodge over the summer break, big thank you to bro Charles Covington for all the hard work and long hours he put in on the floor as well as the foundation. We're already back in the swing of a busy year. A brother has turned in his proficiency on the Master degree, and a Fellowcraft degree was performed on September 17th. As always, please check the lodge/building calendar on the website for the most up to date schedule of events. We have A LOT of degree work coming this fall and winter. Please come support our brothers as they progress in Masonry. We've been holding an open house on the Tuesday following the Stated Meeting for about two years now. It would be great to have a good showing of brethren to show the diversity of membership we have. Have a happy fall!

Gary Grahn

FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER The date is set for our Lodge Garage Sale for 27-28 September with Thursday 27 Sep for setup. Please let me know if you can help on any of those days. There is also still time to get some of your old stuff to the sale. Please make sure it's clean, functional, and sellable. This sale is our primary fundraiser right now, so please help.

It's also that time of year again for me to sound like a broken record and remind those brothers who have not yet paid their 2013 dues (which were due January 2013) to please bring that payment up to date. I will be sending out new dues notices next month for year 2014. Because of the change to our By Laws and increased Grand Lodge assessments, dues will overall increase from \$99 to \$105. If there are any questions, please contact me at 253-503-3814 or email: truittbljt@comcast.net

W.B. Bud Truitt, Secretary

For September Trestle Board

Tyler Chapter #248 OES

Sep.	19	Stated Meeting, short form & DOC*.
Oct.	3	Stated Meeting, short form & DOC*.
	12	Annual Penny Sale.
	17	Stated Meeting, celebrate Halloween & wear costume.
Nov.	7	Stated meeting, short form, celebrate Veterans & DOC*.
	21	Stated Meeting, short form, Honor Night for the Grand Representative to Idaho. Wear Chapter Dress.

*DOC = Dress of Choice

Thanks,

Ken Estess

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